

A bill for an act

relating to elections; changing certain requirements for town elections;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 205.075, subdivision 1, by adding a
subdivision; 367.03, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 205.075, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Date of election.** The general election in a town must be held on the
second Tuesday in March, except as provided in subdivision 2 or when moved for bad
weather as provided in section 365.51, subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 205.075, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 2a. **Return to March election.** The town board of a town that has adopted
the alternative November election date under subdivision 2 may, after having conducted
at least two elections on the alternative date, adopt a resolution designating the second
Tuesday in march as the date of the town general election. The resolution must be
adopted by a unanimous vote of the town supervisors and must include a plan to shorten
or lengthen the terms of office to provide an orderly transition to the march election
schedule. The resolution becomes effective upon an affirmative vote of the electors at
the next town general election.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 367.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Officers; November election.** Except as provided in subdivision 4a,
supervisors and other town officers in towns that hold the town general election in

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2.1 November shall be elected for terms of four years commencing on the first Monday in
2.2 January and until their successors are elected and qualified. The clerk and treasurer shall
2.3 be elected in alternate years.

2.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 367.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 4a. **Optional six-year terms.** The resolution required under section 205.075,
2.7 subdivision 2, to adopt the alternative November date for town general election may
2.8 include the proposal and corresponding transition plan to provide for a six-year term for
2.9 town supervisors. A town that has adopted the alternative November date for general town
2.10 elections using the four-year terms provided under subdivision 4 may adopt a resolution
2.11 establishing six-year terms for supervisors as provided under this subdivision. The
2.12 resolution must include a plan to provide an orderly transition to six-year terms. The
2.13 resolution adopting the six-year term for town supervisors may be proposed by the town
2.14 board or by a resolution of the electors adopted at the annual town meeting and is effective
2.15 upon an affirmative vote of the electors at the next town general election.